

A3VTF Quarterly Meeting Minutes

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Moderator:

Denise Strickland, Immunization Division Director, ADPH

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Challenges in a Time of COVID
 - Shannon Stokley, DrPH, Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- HPV Cancer Prevention:
St. Jude's Call to Action
 - Heather Brandt, PhD, Member, St. Jude Faculty, Director, HPV Cancer Prevention Program, Co-associate Director for Outreach, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
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Alabama Adolescent and Adult Vaccination Task Force (A3VTF)
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Meeting Participants*

Present:

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 Charlene Bell, Alabama Department of Public Health, Immunization Division
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 Dr. Heather Brandt, HPV Cancer Prevention Program Director
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**Note: If you attended the meeting and your name/organization isn't listed above, please submit an email to charlene.bell@adph.state.al.us confirming your attendance.*

Meeting Minutes

Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Dr. Jennifer Pierce, USA Mitchell Cancer Institute. Dr. Pierce provided a quick bio referencing her role as a Program Leader for Cancer Control and Prevention at the USA Health Mitchell Cancer Institute.
- Dr. Pierce provided a brief overview of the A3VTF including the following:
 - US and Alabama HPV Cancer Update
- Dr. Pierce introduced the following speakers:
 - Dr. Shannon Stokley, Acting Deputy Director, Immunization Services Division
 - National Adolescent Vaccination Update: Challenges in a Time of COVID
 - Dr. Heather Brandt, Member St. Jude Faculty, HPV Cancer Prevention Program Director
 - HPV Cancer Prevention St. Jude's Call to Action
 - Andrea Stubbs, Administrative Director, HPV Cancer Prevention Program
 - Question and Answer Session
 - Denise Strickland, Immunization Division Director, ADPH
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US and Alabama Cancer Update: Cervical Cancer in Alabama

- Dr. Jennifer Young-Pierce, Gynecologic Oncologist, Leader of Cancer Control and Prevention, and Professor of Interdisciplinary Clinical Oncology at the University of South Alabama Mitchell Young Cancer Institute, provided the US and Alabama HPV Cancer Update. Details of the following information can be found in the PowerPoint she provided.
- Dr. Pierce presented maps to depict the following:
 - Incidence rates for US by State Cervix, 2018
 - All races, female, all ages
 - Death rates for U.S. by state cervix, 2019
 - All races, female, all ages

- Incidence rates for U.S. by state oral cavity & pharynx, 2018
 - All races, both sexes, all ages
- Incidence rates for U.S. by state oral cavity & pharynx, 2015-2019
 - All races, male, all ages
- Dr. Pierce discussed the following within her presentation:
 - Racial and ethnic disparities in cervical cancer
 - Historical trends in cervical cancer mortality by race in the U.S.
 - Social determinants of health
 - Economic stability
 - Neighborhood and physical environment
 - Education
 - Food
 - Community and social context
 - Health care system
 - Cervical cancer management in U.S.
 - HPV vaccination rates of adolescents, by state
 - HPV vaccine uptake by county variables
 - 2020 ASCCP cervical cancer screening guidelines
 - Access vs. aggressive cancer
 - Racial disparities
 - Immunotherapy for cervical cancer
 - Racial differences in immunotherapy response
 - Emerging immunotherapies

National Update:

- Dr. Shannon Stokley, Director, Acting Deputy Director, Immunization Services Division, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provided the National Adolescent Vaccination Update and discussed the following:
 - Adolescent vaccination coverage levels
 - Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on routine vaccination
 - Catch up campaign
- Dr. Stokley stated the following:
 - HPV vaccine recommendations
 - Estimated vaccination coverage
 - National Immunization Survey- Teen
 - Estimated vaccination coverage
 - HPV vaccination initiation
 - Estimated HPV vaccine series completion, 2020
 - Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic
 - Weekly changes in Vaccines for Children program provider orders
 - Estimated HPV vaccination uptake

- Summary and Call to Action
 - HPV vaccination coverage continues to improve among adolescents.
 - Among adolescents living at or above the poverty level, those living in rural areas have lower HPV up to date coverage compared with those living in urban areas.
 - Coverage still threatened by the disruption of routine medical services due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Limited opportunity to assess pandemic effects with 202 NIS-Teen data.
 - Now is the time for parents to schedule well teen visits so children can get needed vaccinations-catch up on missed doses and stay on schedule. Those aged 12+ eligible for a COVID-19 vaccination.

HPV Cancer Prevention- St. Jude's Call to Action:

- Dr. Heather Brandt, Member St. Jude Faculty, HPV Cancer Prevention Program Director provided a pre-taped recording and discussed the following:
 - Opportunity for Impact
 - HPV vaccination is safe, effective and durable yet uptake is less than optimal. Low HPV vaccination uptake exists in areas where HPV associated disease burden is greatest. There is tremendous opportunity for impact.
 - St. Jude HPV Cancer Prevention Program
 - Through education, promoting best practice models and strategic stakeholder engagement, our mission is to increase on- time HPV vaccination for all children.
 - Program Priorities
 - Community interventions
 - Clinical interventions with healthcare providers and systems
 - Public policy and advocacy
 - Equity
 - Partnerships
 - Increasing HPV Vaccination
 - Multi- level and Multi-component Interventions
 - Opportunities to Improve HPV Vaccination
 - Community- Building vaccination confidence
 - Cancer coalitions
 - HPV coalitions
 - Immunization coalitions
 - Faith- based organizations
 - Non- profit organizations
 - American Cancer Society
- Parental vaccine hesitancy threatens vaccination uptake.

- St. Jude Education Materials
 - General public
 - Parents and caregivers
 - Healthcare providers
 - Childhood cancer survivors and family members
- Public Policy & Advocacy
- NCI Designated Cancer Centers
- Leading Cancer Research Centers Call for Urgent Action to Get HPV Vaccination Back on Track
- Clinical
 - Health department
 - Pediatric practices
 - Federally- qualified health centers
 - Rural health clinics
 - Safety net clinics
 - Professional societies and organizations

Clinical Interventions

- Start at age 9
 - Age at HPV vaccination matters
 - Earlier initiation of HPV vaccination at ages 9-10 has multiple benefits.
- Strong healthcare provider recommendation
 - Strong provider recommendations in supportive systems drive vaccination rates.
 - Use presumptive recommendations.
 - Nurses can use their expertise and influence to encourage vaccinations among adolescent populations.

Work Group Presentations and Networking/Work Group Meetings:

- **Policy Workgroup:**
 - Leader: Denise Strickland
 - Co-Leader: Tina Tarsitano
 - Discussed the following:
 - The need to meet with the Legislature Health Committee members to promote all vaccines; create infographics for legislators.
 - That education should be more focused on HPV being a shot that “prevents cancer”.
 - HPV focused resolution or an HPV action plan for the state- again highlighting the issues around cancer prevention.
- **Provider Education Workgroup:**
 - Leader: Joy Bradley
 - Co-Leader: Barbara Schuler

- Objective 1: HPV Awareness and Education
 - Create an infographic showing taking multiple vaccinations at once (Charlene)
 - Use CDC information
 - Give providers information on insurance coverage for vaccines
 - Creating a list of conference schedules
 - Write an Op Ed
 - Birmingham News
 - Tuscaloosa News
 - Press Register
- Objective 2: Educate and Collaborate with alternative health providers and staff
 - UA/UAB Student Health Presentation at staff meetings
 - Should we include UAH, USA?
 - Work with UA sports medicine clinic
 - Vaccinate B4 you graduate campaign
 - Nurses
 - Pharmacists
 - Dentists- Tommy Johnson, member of the coalition (webinar in February)
 - Create a Pharmacy presentation
 - Create a Provider and Pharmacy presentation. Separate presentations
 - Sabin to do a PSA for the HPV vaccine
- Objective 3: COVID objective/Leverage Social Media Virtual Spaces
 - Co-administration of HPV vaccine and COVID Vaccine
 - Social Media presence (Jennifer Allen, SM Coordinator)
 - Social Media webinar with provider perspectives
 - Provider Testimonials
- **Parental Education Workgroup:**
 - Leader: Jennifer Pierce
 - Co-Leader: Voncile Crosby
 - Discussed the following:
 - Get more members: PAG, adol med, rotary, junior league, others
 - Capitalize on GO Teal and White and Oral Health campaigns to educate parents regarding need to vaccinate against cancer
 - Work on recommendations for adults to get vaccinated- remove stigma and vaccinating parents makes it easier for them to consider vaccinating their kids
 - History of cervical dysplasia post treatment
 - Any immunocompromised- diabetes, smoking, MS, RA, lupus, UC, Crohns, transplant, etc.
 - Environmental exposure to aerosolized HPV- ob-gyns, office staff, OR staff
 - Family history of cancer?
 - Other?

- **Data Workgroup:**

- Leader: Casey Daniel
- Co-Leader: Krista Bailey
- Discussed the following:
 - Work on re-distributing the form developed last year for other workgroups to use to request data from us.
 - Data drives policy and policy drives programs so let us know what data you need from us.
 - Requesting new HPV vaccination data from ADPH to compare to the last set we looked at in 2019/2020 by county.
 - Requesting data from ADPH on adult and adolescent COVID vaccination data so we can do a similar analysis.

Debriefing/Next Steps:

- Each Workgroup Leader discussed the Objectives and Activities relative to their groups.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by Denise Strickland at 12:30pm.